

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

Newsletter March 2002

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Semester Two Early Diagnostic Reports

Students will receive their Early Diagnostic Report Card on Monday March 4th along with a form for interview requests. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday March 21st from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend.

Spring Uniform Sales

The **optional** spring uniform will go on sale for grade 9 students Monday February 25th through March 1st. Grade 10 to OAC students will be able to purchase items March 4th through 8th. **Please note, all students (grades 9-OAC) will be wearing the crested shorts and shirts.**

All students must place their order by March 8th to guarantee delivery in May.

PASTORAL UPDATE

We are now into our Lenten season at Holy Cross. One of the highlights this year is the visitation of the Pilgrim Cross on March 5th. We will celebrate a special liturgy of Reconciliation at 12:30 p.m. in the school gym. Afterwards, the Cross will be carried by students and staff on pilgrimage to St. Paul the Apostle Church.

This year we have chosen the theme "Serving Others in the Light of Christ" for our Share Lent Campaign. Staff and students are being encouraged to bring in coins to support three charities: Birthright, which supports women through unplanned pregnancies, our local Youth Shelter, and Canadian Food for Children, a group based in Toronto which supports Third World Missions. CICS is also organizing our 25-Hour Thinkfast on March 22nd to raise monies for Development and Peace. CICS Leadership Retreat will take place on March 7th and 8th. A school liturgy will be held on Holy Thursday, March 28th.

May Lent be a time when all of us can enter deeply into the mystery of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

March Non-Uniform Days

The non-uniform days for the month of March will be **Thursday March 21st and Friday March 22nd.**

School Council News

Our next meeting is **Tuesday March 5th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All members of our school community are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to:

...Sarah Iori, a new member of the Whig Standard editorial board

...Holy Cross students, who through developing public service announcements for United Way, significant fundraising, and providing assistance to the United Way's Award Ceremonies, have been awarded the United Way's Katharine Splinter Youth Award.

...Randy Dzierniejko, Jordan Kobayashi, Greg Martin, Chris Melo, Richard Munroe and Ryan Zurrer who placed in the top 20 in their respective categories in oral competitions at the DECA Ontario Business Competition (see story below). Ryan Zurrer and Greg Martin also had a top 20 finish in the written examination. Greg Martin received a medal for placing in the top 10 overall in his division.

...Holy Cross Cheerleaders who in the Eastern Region Championships placed first in the Varsity division and first in the Small Group division.

...our music students who participated in the Kiwanis Music Festival. The Sr. Wind Ensemble placed first, the Jr. Concert Band placed 2nd, and the Jazz Ensemble received an A rating.

...the Holy Cross Wrestling team who won at EOSSA. Seven wrestlers are now advancing to OFSSA.

DECA Provincial Competition

On February 18 and 19, twelve business students attended the DECA Ontario Provincial Competition in Toronto. ECA Ontario is a not-for-profit organization created to enhance the Business education of high school students in Ontario. DECA students are prepared to fulfill the needs of business today and in the future. Over 2,400 members, in 53 high schools across Ontario, participate in DECA activities, including leadership development and community service. More than 1,800 students participated in this year's competition. Each student competed in two individual oral events and one comprehensive written exam. Please see "Congratulations to:" for participants.

Literacy Test Results

We have been informed by EQAO that results will be forwarded to schools in May.

Teacher of the Year Award

The Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is seeking nominations for the Archbishop Francis J. Spence Teacher of the Year Award for year 2002. Submissions must be received by April 2nd, 2002. For more information, please contact Pat Mulvihill at St. Carthaah School, 613-478-2601.